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Virginia Aviation Board  
Meeting  
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MINUTES OF THE VIRGINIA AVIATION BOARD MEETING – AUGUST 23, 2002, 9:00 A.M.  
RAMADA PLAZA RESORT OCEANFRONT, 5700 ATLANTIC AVENUE, VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

George P. Ramsey, III, Chairman  
John G. Dankos, Jr.  
Robert H. Neitz  
Emmit F. Yeary  
Bob L. Johnson  
John V. Mazza, Jr.  
William J. Kehoe  
Roger L. Oberndorf

**OTHER PRESENT**

Airport Managers and Sponsors, Department of Aviation Staff, FAA, Consultants, Virginia Resources Authority

Mr. Ramsey called the meeting to order. The minutes for the June 12, 2002 Board meeting were approved.

Mr. Bill Jeffries, DOAV, presented the aviation safety report. He reported that eight accidents had occurred in the period with 1 fatality. Mr. Jeffries talked about various safety-related events coming up in the next several months including AOPA seminars, **IA???** renewal seminar, and a seminar on reading NOAA charts.

Mr. Terry Page, FAA, reported that the AIP Grant program in Virginia was \$90 million dollars for all of FFY 2002. Total FAA AIP budget for airport work was \$3.2 billion in FFY 2001, and the FFY 2002 budget is \$3.3 billion. Virginia grants will be in the range of \$80 million to \$90 million again. Federal projects in Virginia have been allocated around \$81 million so far this FFY. Included are \$30 million for security at air carrier airports. Next year's proposed federal budget (FFY 2003) is \$3.4 billion for airport grants. Deadline for grants applications is September 9, 2002. Grant agreements need to be executed and sent back to the FAA by September 30, 2002.

Mr. Charles Macfarlane, Director DOAV, thanked the staff and the VAB for the excellent jobs they had done making this a successful conference. He presented two awards for years of service with the Commonwealth. He notified the Board that the MWAA Board has two appointments that will be open in November and we would like Virginia to get good representation. He also reported that the Virginia SATSLAB program is moving forward. The Department will be working hard on the volunteer security program the next couple of months. He mentioned that there will be challenges ahead because of budget issues, but there are a number of recommendations in the program that can be done at little or no cost. Areas where the Department will focus its efforts and make an impact are in the areas of Pilot Safety and Pilot Training. Finally, Mr. Macfarlane pledged to work hard with available resources to maximize the opportunities for improving aviation in Virginia.

The Virginia Resources Authority approved loans for the Stafford, Chesapeake, and Mecklenburg-Brunswick airports. Mr. Darrell Hill, VRA, said that the VRA has extended the application deadline for airport programs to October 1, 2002, and that the VRA would like to help anyone who would like to participate in the program.

The air carrier airport Entitlement Utilization Reports, which were discussed on Wednesday, were approved in a block vote by the Board.

Mr. Ramsey asked Mr. Bland to look into language regarding funding of automobile parking lots, non-revenue versus pay-for-use, and to present his findings at the October meeting.

In response to the memo (see attached) from Secretary Clement, John Bennett, the Secretary of Finance, had agreed to authorize \$1.3 million in State funds to match federal funding of \$11.4 million.

The Department recommended that the Board allocate \$1,319,250 as follows: Culpeper County \$410,000; Manassas Regional \$343,000; Warrenton-Fauquier \$434,000; and Dinwiddie County \$312,200. The Board approved the recommendations.

A motion was made and approved to defer the balance of projects until the October 23<sup>rd</sup> Board meeting.

The Board approved the General Aviation Airport Security Program resolution. (See attached)

Mr. Ramsey called for Board member comments.

The Virginia Aviation Board workshop will be held on October 22, 2002, and the regular meeting will be held on October 23, 2002, at the Wyndham Hotel in Richmond.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTACHMENTS